

THE CASE FOR AND AGAINST THE SELLING OF ORGANS



Stony Brook
Medicine

Monday, April 16

Noon to 3:30 pm • HSC Lecture Hall 1, Level 2

Lunch served for those who arrive at noon. There is no fee to attend the conference.

SESSION ONE: Noon to 1:00 pm

The Great Organ Shortage

Today, for the first time in modern history, we are seeing a precipitous decline in the amount of organs that are available to be donated. This past year at Stony Brook, organ donation was down 11 percent from the previous year, itself a year that saw fewer organ donations than the

year before. It is not an exaggeration to suggest that we are nearing a crisis. What are some of the factors that account for the shortfall? What do the recent statistics tell us?

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SESSION TWO: 1:00 to 2:45 pm

Are Financial Incentives a Legitimate Means of Addressing Our Society's Shortage of Organs?

The view that permitting the sale of organs will have an impact on reducing the shortage of available organs is becoming increasingly popular. Additionally, there is a case to be made that donors should themselves be financially compensated for their gift. Yet, one can imagine costs and ethical concerns associated with the practice of selling organs. Should we allow the sale of organs in society? If not, are there more mild sorts of financial incentives, shy of the outright sale of organs, which might be more appropriate to implement?

I) How Might Society Incentivize Joining the Organ Donor Registry?

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II) The Case for Selling Organs

Amy Friedman, MD

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III) Response to Amy Friedman

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SESSION THREE: 2:45 to 3:30 pm

Town Hall

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